

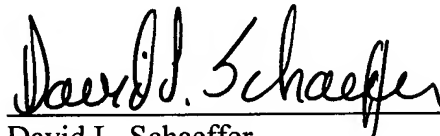
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment Applicants have revised the specification to more clearly conform to the drawings, and have modified claims 4, 7, 9, 14 and 15 slightly, in part, to eliminate various multiple dependencies (Applicants have not disclaimed the subject matter therein and reserve the right to later present claims drawn thereto). No new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 12-15 remain independent.

No fees are believed to be owed in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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